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Perhaps after all it is not wonderful that the president sustained the navy department in the Sampson controversy. He was a considerable sized part of it up to a very short time before the time of the occurrence of that battle.

One of the reasons President Roosevelt assigns for giving Sampson the honors of the battle off Santiago is that he was in sight of the battle. Well if all the other soldiers and sailors had only participated in that battle in the same way (by being in sight) wouldn't there have been glory for everybody.

Those who think the supreme court in this state might decide on the constitutionality of the new election law according to the constitution, should be reminded that in all probability, five of the judges at least will be candidates for election on that same ticket on which they would be called to pass. With the splendid precedents of the disregard of the constitution by the United States supreme court before them, does anyone think under such circumstances they could keep under its restrictions? Nevertheless it might be a good thing to let them show their hand at it.

President Roosevelt is a very powerful man in all the affairs of this country, but if he thinks he can buck the whole force of public opinion on the Schley and Sampson controversy, he may find that in some instances at least, it will be the worse for Teddy. There will no doubt be plenty of so-called men who are willing to surrender their right and capacity to think to the one man whom they have elected to rule over them, that will now change all their opinions on the question. But notwithstanding the president's recommendation that the incident be closed it will rise to pester him. He may have the power to shut off further process in the navy department, but he has not the power to close the incident before the forum of the people or in congress. If there are left in that body any who refuse to become parasites and satellites.

The Sterling Journal speaks of a scheme described in the Beloit papers where it is being tried, which is certainly to be commended. It should be as much the province of the public schools to teach economy and some such practical habits which are essential to success in life as it is to teach the dead languages, at least. The methods here described are about as practical as can be conceived. The Journal says: "The Beloit papers tell about the establishment of the public school savings bank system in that town. On Friday afternoon of each week children will make deposits with their teachers, of from one cent up. Each child has a bank book, in which deposits are recorded and blank checks are provided, to be filled out by the children, when they desire to make withdrawals. The money deposited by the children is placed in a bank down town. Over thirteen dollars was deposited at Beloit the first day and the children are so eager to save that the candy and gum trade is said to be suffering. The system teaches thoughtfulness, independence, frugality and thrift for all children, especially boys, as they have frequent opportunities to earn money by doing chores and running errands. Kansas City, Missouri, children have over twelve thousand dollars on deposit."

One thing which has not yet been demonstrated in state politics, but soon will be, is the return to power of the Leland machine. Baily will be the next republican candidate for governor, Leland will again dictate all the appointments. He and his gang will parcel out the state patronage, if the republicans are successful. This is not because the republicans of the state so wish it, but it is first because there is no one else in the state the equal of Leland in generalship. Next it is because of the miserable failure of Burrton as a senator and a leader. He has surrounded himself with the rottenest crowd

that has attempted to prey upon the public fat. His appointments are too nasty to be accepted by the common decency of the people. Of course in the composition of the state ticket he and his coterie will be given a share. They are too powerful to be ignored, so it seems for one of his men on the ticket T. T. Kelly will be selected. He is the man who stands convicted by the records of his own county of having raised vouchers and defrauded the people. Taken all together it does not make much difference which gang is on top. Leland is possibly not so filthy as Burrton, but he is more tyrannical.

### NOT MUCH DECIDED.

Four delegates from Reno county attended the populist conference at Topeka on Friday the 21st. They were Hon. William Mitchell, C. B. Copleand of Sumner township, L. Kerick of South Reno, and the editor of this paper. We were all very much surprised on reaching Topeka to find so much interest and so large an attendance. Very few counties were not represented at all and most of them had full delegations. There were more than three hundred attending the conference and representative hall was well filled with delegates and interested spectators.

It was distinctively a populist pow-wow where everybody had a free pitch in, got excited, called names, made invidious distinctions and then got good natured again and went home in good humor. It was lively enough to make it interesting for spectators, and there was oratory enough to last and serve all purposes till the next convention. Only one man was seen who went home mad. He complained because the convention passed the previous question before he got a chance to make his speech. But it is believed that everyone else made at least one speech, and many two or three, so on the whole he had no good ground to stand on.

There was only one thing decided by the conference, namely that the party is a unit on the proposition of keeping its organization. It was also developed that it was almost unanimous that a union with the democrats should be effected if possible. The majority of the committee on resolutions were in favor however, of allowing the democrats to make the first overtures, inasmuch as the committee had made some propositions to the democratic committee which had been turned down. A few were radical enough to denounce fusion on any terms. None were in favor of going bodily into the democratic party. Many were in favor of voting a democratic ticket if there were no other way of getting together and getting around the election law. The report of the majority of the committee as it was finally adopted simply instructed the state central committee to call a state convention not later than June 1st, to nominate a state ticket, and that a vigorous campaign be made for the success of the principles of the party. The minority report contained more of detail work. It recommended the holding of the populist convention at the same time and place as the democratic convention and then went on with more or less instruction as to detail of a fusion arrangement. The majority report was carried but only by about thirty majority in a vote of more than three hundred.

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### A MODERN MIRACLE

Performed by the Famous Father John of Crowstadt.

The Novoe Vremya of Sept. 14 has the following account of a miracle performed by the famous Father John of Crowstadt: "On the 13th Father John arrived at the village of Sopino, conducted service, and spent the night with Father Lvov. Next day he journeyed to Konchanskols, and consecrated the new stone church there in the presence of fully 10,000 people. After this service a breakfast was given in the school and many speeches were delivered. In the midst of the breakfast two men and two old women were seen approaching the school house bearing the seemingly lifeless body of a woman. For seven years this woman had been paralytic, unable to move arms or legs, or open her eyes—was a living corpse. On their bringing her to him, Father John arose, stood before her, and asking her name, gazed fixedly at her. Then in a loud voice he bade her open her eyes. After several attempts Audetya (the paralytic) did so. 'Look me straight in the face,' said Father John, 'and cross yourself.' Slowly and with great effort the woman succeeded in making the sign of the cross. 'Do it again,' said Father John, 'and again.' With ever-increasing faith the woman repeated the movement. 'Stand up,' said Father John, and the woman arose. Then he moved from his place, bidding her follow. 'Now walk around me,' said Father John, and the lately seemingly dead woman slowly approached and fell on his shoulder. 'Go and pray,' said he, blessing the woman. On this she moved away without any help. All this took place in the presence of thousands who were unable to restrain their tears."—Lo: don Pall Mail Gazette.

## DEMOCRATIC DEPARTMENT.

By O. S. COFFIN.

There will be a meeting of the democratic central committee for Reno county to be held in this city at the law office of the Hettinger Brothers on March 1st. Called to order promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. A prompt and full attendance is urged. Charles Oswald, Chairman, S. S. Graybill, secretary.

The treachery, hypocrisy and deceit of Lord Pauncefote as ambassador representing the court of St. James at Washington, is so plain that the wonder is at the delay of the administration in giving him his passports and notifying the British prime minister that a degraded scoundrel of the Pauncefote type cannot be accepted by the American people as a suitable person to represent any foreign country at Washington. And yet we all know that Lord Pauncefote has the average characteristics of the so-called English gentlemen. The experience of the American people for more than a hundred years in their dealings with Great Britain has taught them that honor with a British nobleman is an unknown quantity. We have only to recall the many incidents of the war of 1812 and the Mason and Slidell incident during our civil war. They are instinctively cowards and never go to war except with a weaker power that they can conquer by an overwhelming numerical force, and then they often find themselves disappointed as in the Transvaal where thirty-five thousand Boers have kept at bay over two hundred thousand trained British soldiers.

### STATE LIBRARIAN.

The question of a new state librarian is now claiming the attention of the supreme court. It is probably as well to lodge the power of the appointment of librarian with the members of that body as they are the principal patrons, but the library belongs to the state. We all have the right to go there for information.

Mrs. Diggs has been librarian for four years and her successor will have a four years term. There can be no objection to the management of Mrs. Diggs. The state never had a better librarian or one that took more pride in the management. She was systematic and painstaking about everything pertaining to her calling. She is a lady of unquestionable ability and rare culture.

Why the distinguished members of the supreme court should let party dictation govern them in this matter is past finding out. It is the highest court in the state, and supposed to be above party prejudice. We believe it will lower the dignity of the body to let party control them in the slightest degree in this matter. We believe too, that an overwhelming majority of the people would favor the reappointment of Mrs. Diggs, and we are quite sure that the best interest of the public service would be subserved by the appointment of Mrs. Diggs.

### PUSSEY WANTS A CORNER.

The many distinguished ladies of the women's rights fraternity deserve great credit for their pluck and perseverance if nothing more. They organize and reorganize with each succeeding year and have kept it up for more than fifty years. The time may come when all they have dreamed of will be crowned with success, and the rights of women to the election franchise on an equality with men recognized in every state of the union. But it will not come so long as they continue to commit the folly of fastening their apron strings to the jacket straps of the republican party. It is claimed for Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and other leaders of the suffrage order that they are in full sympathy with the republican administration at Washington and are loud in their praise of the republican party. We are not permitted to credit them with ignorance of the true policy of the republican party in their dealings with the people of the Philippine archipelago in another hemisphere. The territorial policy of the republican party is a flat contradiction of the cardinal principles of the women's rights woman, since they started out to make men better, and themselves the equal of men in every particular.

It will be safe to assume that Mrs. Catt never made a speech that she did not make use of the words "equality before the law." "Taxation without representation is the rule of a tyrant," and is inconsistent with the forms and purposes of a republic. But the declaration of independence and the constitution are dead letters when they stand in the way of the masters of the republican party, the trusts and the national banks. If Pussy Catt can find a warm corner in the republican nest she must abandon all hope for the triumph of principles as taught by Miss Anthony and Mrs. Cady Stanton.

### FUSION A SUCCESS.

From this on to the time of the meeting of the conventions opposed to the republican party, our populist friends will be petted and flattered by the republican press and street corner orators. Every intelligent populist must know from experience that the best interest of the country is subserved by doing the contrary of anything recommended by a republican. We commend the following extract from an editorial in the Wichita Beacon to a careful perusal: "If there are but two tickets on the ballot, the populist is betrayed into voting the republican ticket just as much as he is into voting the democratic ticket. He doesn't have to vote either but may write in names for every office—the only restriction being that he shall not write in the name of any candidate already on the ballot. It is this point to which the fusionist objects so seriously. Instead of a convention betraying a man the legislature has disfranchised him. To illustrate: suppose the democrats nominate Senator Harris for governor, being on the democratic ticket no populist can support him without voting the democratic ticket. He is a populist but there is no method by which a populist can cast a ballot for him except to vote the democratic ticket. The populists cannot meet in convention and nominate him because if they do his name cannot head both tickets. If a populist would vote for Harris by writing his name in the independent column he loses his vote because the same name cannot appear twice on the ticket. Now who has betrayed the populist? Who has forced him to vote the democratic ticket or lose his ballot? Isn't it the republican legislature which did this when they passed the anti-fusion law?

Yet curiously enough the republican papers are taunting the populists about being betrayed into the democratic party.

### LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN RUSSIA.

How the Business Has Been Taken in Hand by the Government.

The Russian minister of finance, M. Witte, is one of the foremost men in the great Muscovite empire and has been at the head of Russian finances since 1892.

Mr. Witte is deeply interested in temperance reforms, and has been the principal adviser and instrument of the czar in the reorganization of the liquor traffic in Russia. Until the last few years it has been practically free. Those who have paid their vodka taxes promptly have been allowed to manufacture and sell the best kind of alcoholic drinks to the peasants, who, like all other semi-civilized people, are possessed of strong passions and strong appetites. The principal drink in Russia is vodka, an alcohol made from potatoes, with a slight flavor. The more impure it is the quicker it intoxicates and the more injurious are its effects upon the human system.

The consumption of vodka in Russia is amazing. The expenditure of money for liquors is small compared with that of other nations, and the statistics are significant only to those who know that a few cents' worth of vodka will cause more drunkenness and misery and crime than a dollar's worth of any other kind of drink. Its degenerating effects were recognized by all sociologists and students of criminology, and when the attention of the czar was brought to the subject he invited advice from the best authorities in Europe.

The result was a decree making the sale of liquor a government monopoly, on a plan similar to the Gothenburg system, with some features like those of the South Carolina dispensary. Nothing is sold except by the bottle and at government agencies exclusively. These are placed in convenient locations and in charge of trustworthy persons, who are prohibited from selling more than one bottle to the same person on the same day, and that for cash. They cannot sell to children under 16 years of age.

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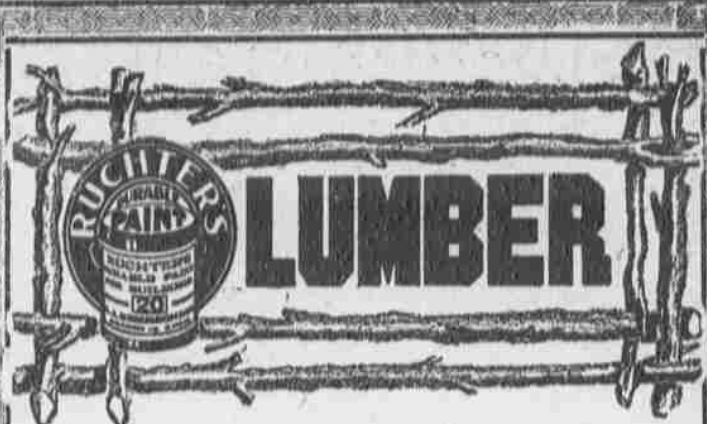
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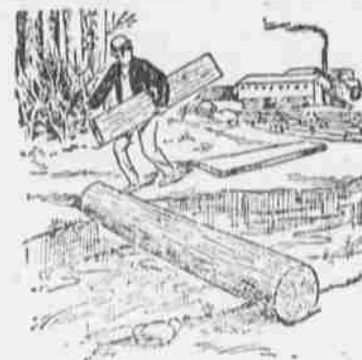
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